

City of Salem Parks & Recreation - Eligibility Requirements

Age Guidelines

The eligibility age for participation on a youth sports team within the City of Salem shall be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 18 years of age. Participants must be enrolled in a City of Salem school or alternative school program. Example: Home school or Hope Tree. The cut-off date to establish the age of the child is September 30th of the current year.

Age Exceptions

In certain leagues an alternate cut-off date is established by the sports sanctioning organization in which the City of Salem participants with. In these cases, the established date used by the sports sanctioning organization will be used to establish a child's age. However, in no case will the minimum or maximum age guidelines stated above be changed.

Participant Residency Guidelines

Players on youth sports teams sanctioned by the recreation department must be residents of the City of Salem. The official address used to determine residency will be the current address of the child's **primary** legal guardian at the **time of registration**.

Participant Residency Exceptions

Non City of Salem residents who pay tuition to attend a City of Salem School are eligible to participate in our youth leagues provided they show proof of enrollment at a qualifying school. These schools are: East Salem Elementary, G.W. Carver Elementary, South Salem Elementary, West Salem Elementary, Andrew Lewis Middle, Salem High.

Residency Validation

The following items, upon request must be provided to the City of Salem in order to register and/or participate in any youth league sponsored by the recreation department.

1. A copy of deed, deed of trust, mortgage, or real estate tax statement verifying your principle residence is in City of Salem; or
2. A valid and signed contract to purchase a residence in the City of Salem with a closing date no more than 60 days from the date of the contract.

Alternate Proof of Residency

Parent or guardian must present **TWO** of the following. Each document must show name and address of the residence as it appears on the enrollment forms. **The street address must be shown**. A post office box or business address is not acceptable.

- Payroll check stub issued by an employer within the last two months.
- U.S. Internal Revenue Service Tax reporting W-2 form or 1099 form (not more than 12 months old)
- U.S. or Virginia income tax return from the previous year.
- Original monthly bank statement not more than two months old.
- Annual Social Security Statement for the current or preceding calendar year.
- Receipt for personal property taxes or real estate taxes paid within the last year to the Commonwealth of Va. or the City of Salem.
- Current homeowner's insurance policy or bill.
- Current automobile insurance bill.
- Virginia driver's license or DMV photo card displaying the applicant's current address.
- Cancelled checks (not more than two months old) with both name and address imprinted
- Change of address confirmation from the U. S. Postal Service.